

Medical Physics Training Grants 2022/23: Guidance for Employers

**National School of Healthcare Science
HEE Midlands**

Introduction

It has been highlighted by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) workforce intelligence reports in radiotherapy physics, nuclear medicine, and diagnostic radiology that there are significant shortages in the medical physics technologist workforce¹ and thus a need to support employers to train staff at this level. There are several options for those wishing to undertake a training programme within the workplace resulting in registration as a clinical technologist/practitioner (RCT² or AHCS³) including the IPEM technologist training scheme, RCT equivalence route and level 6 healthcare science apprenticeships (see figure 1).

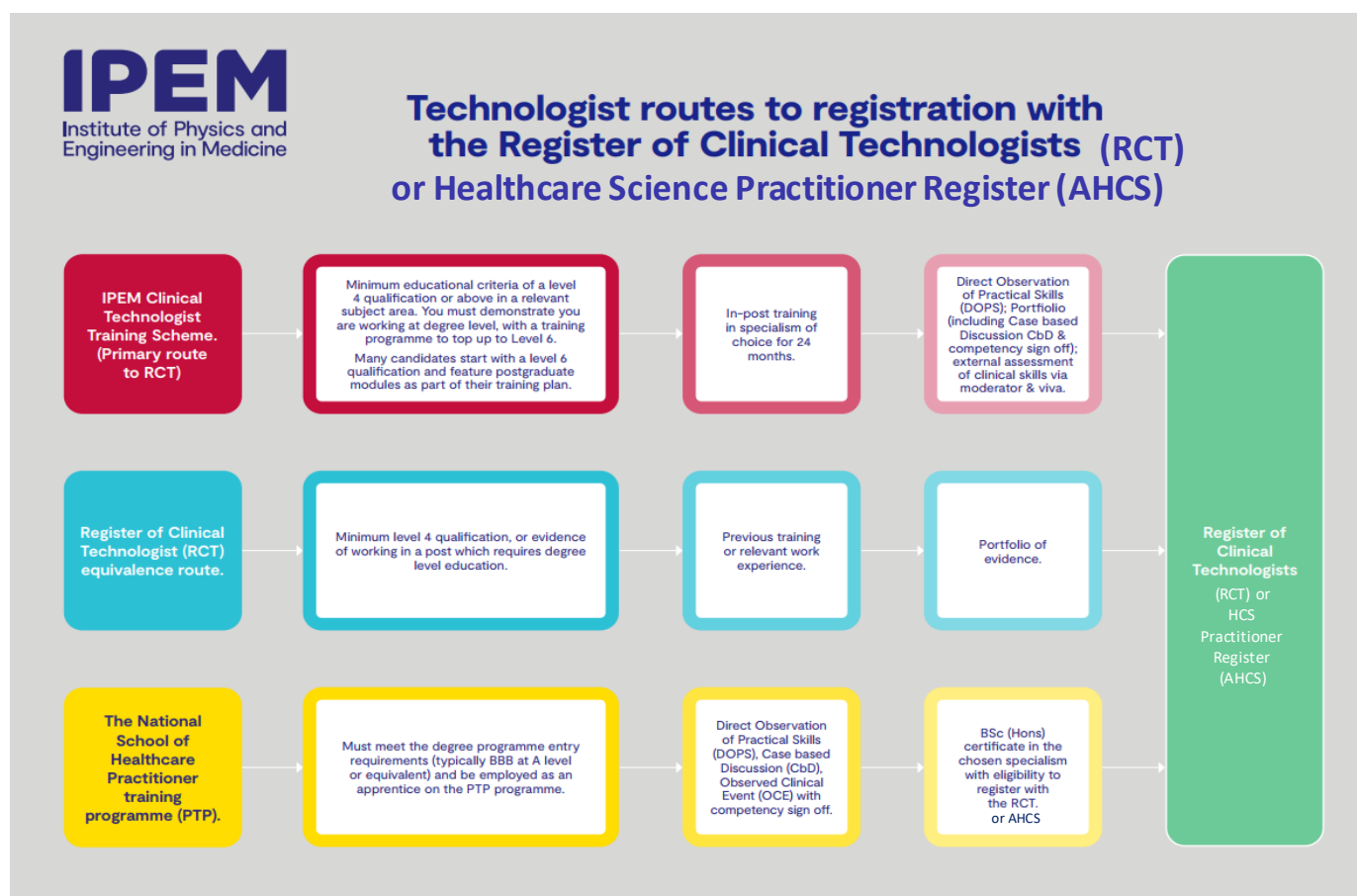


Figure 1: Technologist routes to registration with the RCT or AHCS.

- <https://www.ipem.ac.uk/resources/workforce-intelligence/workforce-intelligence-resources/>
- <https://www.ipem.ac.uk/your-career/getting-started-on-a-career-in-mpce/becoming-a-clinical-technologist/>
- <https://www.ahcs.ac.uk/our-registers/hcs-register/joining-the-register/information/>

To support employers to train medical physics technologists, Health Education England (HEE) is offering several contributory one-off training grants of £10,000 per trainee. There is funding available for 50 training grants nationally (10 in the Midlands).

Participating in the programme

Programme criteria

The following minimum criteria need to be met for applications to be considered by HEE London:

- The training grant must be used to support the education and training of a trainee registered on a training programme leading to Register of Clinical Technologists/Practitioners (RCT or AHCS) registration. Examples of such training programmes include:
 - Healthcare Science Practitioner Level 6 Apprenticeship in Medical Physics
 - IPEM Clinical technologist Training Scheme
<https://www.ipem.ac.uk/learn/ipem-clinical-technologist-training-scheme/>
- Potential trainees must meet the minimum education requirements for the chosen training programme.
- The trainee must be employed by an organisation and have started their training programme before the end of March 2023.
- Both employer and trainee(s) will agree to participate in evaluation exercises such as interviews and surveys and reporting to the regional HEE office.

Remuneration

What funding is available and how can it be used?

To support sites in preparing for and supporting the trainees through the training programme a one-off contribution, £10,000 per trainee, is available.

The training grant must be used to support the training of the medical physics technologist trainee. For example, it could be used for:

- infrastructure costs such as practice supervision and/or educational supervision or any other costs associated with the trainee successfully completing the training programme.
- to pay for a trainee's travel expenses related to their training programme.
- to pay for a trainee's education and training courses.
- to pay fees related to the IPEM RCT route.
- to pay for a relevant degree or top up modules not covered by the apprenticeship levy.
- to support the trainee's salary.

Application Process

Application will be through submission of an Expressions of interest (EOI) to the HEE Midlands healthcare science team via the survey link provided. Expressions of interest to be submitted by Friday 19th August 2022. Notification of successful expressions of interest will be in September 2022.

Please note; if a high volume of expressions of interest are received, HEE will not be able to support all of them. During the evaluation of expressions of interest, a member of HEE Midlands HCS team may contact the employer for clarification.

Deadline for applications

Expressions of interest must be submitted via the online form by 17:00hrs on Friday 19th August 2022.

Contact details

Should you have any queries regarding the expression of interest process or scope of the funding grant, please contact Jo Horne, Midlands Dean for Healthcare Science, HEE Midlands, at: jo.horne@hee.nhs.uk or Tammar Hassan, Project Officer, HEE Midlands, at: tammar.hassan@hee.nhs.uk.

For assistance with any technical queries around procurement of apprenticeships, apprenticeship programmes or accessing the apprenticeship levy, please seek assistance from your organisation's apprenticeship lead or Liz Sahu, Apprenticeships Relationship Manager, HEE Midlands, at: liz.sahu@hee.nhs.uk

For further information on the IPEM Clinical Technologist Training Scheme, please follow this link to the IPEM website: <https://www.ipem.ac.uk/learn/ipem-clinical-technologist-training-scheme/>

And contact IPEM for further details: training@ipem.ac.uk